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WARNING LETTER

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December 6, 2001

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Dear Dr. McKay:

We are writing to you because on October 30, 2001, your facility was inspected by a representative of the State of California acting in behalf of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This inspection revealed a serious regulatory problem involving the mammography at your facility.

Under a United States Federal law, the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (MQSA), your facility must meet specific requirements for mammography. These requirements help protect the health of women by assuring that a facility can perform quality mammography. The inspection revealed the following Level 1 findings at your facility:

- Level 1: Phantom quality control (QC) records were missing for the weeks of February 5th, April 16th, June 18th, September 17th, and October 1st of the year 2001 for unit #5 (a [redacted] machine, model [redacted], serial number [redacted]) which is located in room number 111 and is referred to as "Mammo. 1".

- Level 1: Phantom QC records were missing for the weeks of December 8, 2000 and February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd, April 16th, June 18th, September 17th, and October 1st of the year 2001 for unit #6 (a [redacted] machine, model [redacted], serial number [redacted] which is located in room number 112 and is referred to as "Mammo. 2".

The specific problems noted above appeared on your MQSA Facility Inspection Report which was issued to your facility at the close of the inspection. These problems are identified as Level 1 because they identify a failure to meet a significant MQSA requirement.

Because these conditions may be symptomatic of serious underlying problems that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility, they represent a serious violation of the law which may result in FDA taking regulatory action without further notice to you. These actions include, but are not limited to, placing your facility under a Directed Plan of Correction (DPC), charging your facility for the cost of on-site monitoring, assessing civil money penalties up to $10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to substantially comply with, MQSA Standards, suspension or revocation of your facility's FDA certificate, or obtaining a court injunction against further mammography.

It is necessary for you to act on this matter immediately. Please explain to this office, in writing, within fifteen (15) working days from the date you received this letter:

- the specific steps you have taken to correct all of the violations noted in this letter;

- each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violations; and

- please provide sample records that demonstrate proper record keeping procedures, if the findings relate to quality control or other records (Note: Patient names or identification should be deleted from any copies submitted.)

Please submit your response to:

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Finally, you should understand that there are many FDA requirements pertaining to mammography. This letter pertains only to findings of your inspection and does not necessarily address other obligations you have under the law. You may obtain general information about all of FDA's requirements for mammography facilities by contacting the Mammography Quality Assurance Program, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 6057, Columbia, MD 21045-6057 (telephone number 1-800-838-7715) or through the Internet at http://www.fda.gov.

If you have more specific questions about mammography facility requirements or about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact Scott Goff (the Compliance Officer assigned to this case) at telephone number 949-798-7644.

Sincerely,

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District Director

cc:

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